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Candidate and Proposed Species Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Candidate species are any species that are undergoing a status review that we have announced in a *Federal Register* notice, whether or not they are the subject of a petition. For detailed definitions and explanations, please refer to the 2006 [Candidate Species Definition](#) (71 FR 61022, 10/17/2006).

Proposed species are those candidate species that were found to warrant listing as either threatened or endangered and were officially proposed as such in a *Federal Register* notice after the completion of a status review and consideration of other protective conservation measures. We always seek public comment on a proposal to list species under the ESA. We generally have one year after a species is proposed for listing under the ESA to make a final determination whether to list a species as threatened or endangered.

Candidates for Listing (5 candidate "species")

| Species | Year | Federal Register notice |
|--|------|-----------------------------|
| Fishes | | |
| cusk (<i>Brosme brosme</i>) | 2007 | 72 FR 10710 |
| seahorse, dwarf (<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>) | 2012 | 77 FR 26478 |
| tuna, Pacific bluefin (<i>Thunnus orientalis</i>) | 2016 | 81 FR 70074 |
| Marine Mammals | | |
| dolphin, Indo-Pacific Humpback (1 candidate subspecies) (<i>Sousa chinensis</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taiwanese humpback dolphin (<i>Sousa chinensis taiwanensis</i>) | 2016 | 81 FR 29515 |
| Marine Invertebrates | | |
| nautilus, chambered (<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>) | 2016 | 81 FR 58895 |

Proposed for Listing (11 proposed "species")

| Species | Year Proposed | Status |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|
| Fishes | | |
| 6 elasmobranch species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> guitarfish, Brazilian (<i>Rhinobatos horkelii</i>) shark, Argentine angel (<i>Squatina argentina</i>) shark, daggernose (<i>Isogomphodon oxyrinchus</i>) shark, striped smoothhound (<i>Mustelus fasciatus</i>) | 2015 | proposed endangered |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shark, narrownose smoothhound (<i>Mustelus schmitti</i>) shark, spiny angel (<i>Squatina guggenheim</i>) | | proposed threatened |
| ray, giant manta (<i>Manta birostris</i>) | 2017 | proposed threatened |
| shark, oceanic whitetip (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>) | 2016 | proposed threatened |
| Marine Mammals | | |
| dolphin, Hector's (2 subspecies) (<i>Cephalorhynchus hectori</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mau'i's dolphin (<i>Cephalorhynchus hectori mau'i</i>) | 2016 | proposed endangered |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Island Hector's dolphin (<i>Cephalorhynchus hectori hectori</i>) | | proposed threatened |

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|--|------|-------------------------------------|
| whale, Bryde's (1 subspecies) <i>(Balaenoptera edeni)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale (unnamed subspecies) | 2016 | proposed endangered |
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